

Weekly Column for March 13 2008

One of our most important sources of funding that we receive each year revolves around the federal Community Development Block Grant program, which provides us with more than \$2 million each year to distribute amongst community programs, city initiatives and neighborhood projects.

The recommendations for the next year of funding were released to the City Council today. I am very pleased that the City of Troy is proposing to award more than \$90,000 in Homeless Services, \$160,000 in Public Service projects, and more than \$850,000 in neighborhood livability improvements.

Among the organizations that are receiving funding from CDBG in the public services and homeless services categories are: Unity House (\$40,000), Joseph's House (\$36,023), the YWCA (\$20,000), the Troy Boys and Girls Club (\$20,000), Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club (\$20,000), and the Troy CYO (\$20,000).

These are organizations that contribute greatly to the quality of life in Troy on a number of different levels. We are pleased to be able to present our recommendations to the City Council and look forward to working with them to fund these important causes. Though in many cases these numbers are a small amount of the annual funding these groups receive, they are nonetheless necessary to completing some the most integral programs they offer.

We also pleased to announce the proposed funding of neighborhood livability projects, including \$475,000 for street paving, \$20,000 to the Barker Park Rehabilitation, \$15,000 to AME Zion Church, and \$10,000 to the Think First Neighborhood Group. I will list the entire group of those being funded at the end of this message.

Distributing CDBG funding gets more difficult with every year that passes. The applications get stronger, while the causes remain just as worthy. I want to thank the staff in City Hall for the hard work in guiding us through this process.

The City Council received these recommendations Thursday. They now have the opportunity to review the proposal and work with City staff to learn why certain programs were chosen, and others were not. They have until their regularly scheduled May meeting to approve the recommendations.

Have a great weekend, and Happy Saint Patrick's Day- a bit early.

Harry J Tutunjian
Mayor of Troy

2008-2009 OYAP

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT</u>		<u>\$2,035,411</u>
<u>Section 108 Loan Repayment</u>	Vulcan Properties, Inc.	<u>\$263,000</u>
<u>Planning and Administration</u>		<u>\$412,000</u>
CDBG Program Administration	City of Troy (Housing)	\$402,000
Impediments to Fair Housing Study	Troy Housing Department	
Community Demographic Profile Analysis	Troy Housing Department	
Geographic Information System (GIS)	Troy Housing Department	
Homelessness Planning	Corporation for AIDS Research, Education, and	\$10,000
<u>Neighborhood Livability</u>		<u>\$850,000</u>
Code Enforcement	City of Troy (Code Enforcement)	\$200,000
Vacant Building Demolitions	City of Troy (Code Enforcement/Public Works)	\$75,000
Street Improvements (Street Paving)	City of Troy (DPW)	\$475,000
Little Italy Neighborhood Revitalization Project	Friends of Little Italy	\$5,000
North Central Focus Block	North Central Neighborhood Association	\$15,000
First Street Neighborhood Revitalization Project	Think First Neighborhood Group	\$10,000
South Lansingburgh Sidewalk Replacement Project	South Lansingburgh Neighborhood Assoc.	\$15,000
Barker Park Rehabilitation Project	Friends of Barker Park	\$20,000
Sidewalk Replacement Project	AME Zion church	\$15,000
112th Street Bridge	North Lansingburgh Neighborhood	\$20,000
<u>Decent Housing</u>		<u>\$250,411</u>
Homeowner Housing & Energy Improvement Program	City of Troy (Housing)	\$250,411
<u>Economic Opportunity</u>		<u>\$100,000</u>
50/50 Matching Grant Façade Grant Program	City of Troy Planning Department	\$100,000
<u>Public Service</u>		<u>\$160,000</u>
Child Development Associate Credentialing Program	Commission on Economic Opportunity	\$20,000
Hispanic Outreach services	Hispanic Outreach Services	\$20,000
Day Care for Working Poor Families	Catholic Charities Sunny SideCenter	\$20,000
YWCA Ready For Work Program	YWCA of Troy-Cohoes	\$20,000
School Age Child Care Program Scholarship Fund	Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club	\$20,000
After-School Child Care Scholarships	Troy Youth Association	\$20,000
Employment & Training for Victims of Domestic Violence	Unity House	\$20,000
After School Program	Troy Boys & Girls Club	\$20,000
<u>Homeless Services</u>		<u>\$91,023</u>
Women in Transition Program	Young Women's Christian Association of Troy-C	\$20,000
Emergency Shelter Operations	Joseph's House & Shelter	\$36,023
Unity House Domestic Violence Services	Unity House of Troy, Inc.	\$20,000
Salvation Army Homelessness Prevention	Salvation Army	\$15,000
<u>HOME</u> (Annual 40% of total allocation + \$100,00 in 2008 HOME funding)		<u>\$709,155</u>
HOME administration	City of TroyHousing	\$70,505
Troy Housing Development Co.CHDO set-aside	Troy Housing Development Corporation	\$300,000
348 9th Street Rehabilitation CHDO set-aside	TRIP	\$58,650
HIP	City of Troy Housing	\$80,000
Troy Homes	City of Troy Housing	\$200,000
<u>AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE</u>	City of Troy (Planning)	
ADDI Funds 2008-2009	City of Troy Housing (HIP)	<u>\$10,905</u>

2005-2006 OYAP

<u>CPS</u>	<u>HUD</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT</u>					
1	2050-2901	CDBG Program Administration		City of Troy (Planning)	\$450,000
2	2050-2903	Self-Help Paint Program		City of Troy (Planning)	\$80,000
3	2050-2905	Vacant Building Demolition, Boarding, and Securing		City of Troy (Engineering)	\$230,000
4	2050-2906	Street Paving		City of Troy (Public Works)	\$450,000
5	2050-2908	Code Enforcement		City of Troy (Code Enforcement)	\$315,000
6	2050-2912	Section 108 Loan Repayment		Vulcan Properties, Inc.	\$280,000
7	2050-2939	50-50		City of Troy (Planning)	\$100,000
8	2050-2941	Vacant Building Stabilization		City of Troy (Engineering)	\$100,000
9	2050-2943	Street Tree Planting and Improvements		Capital District Community Gardens	\$5,000
		Neighborhood Improvement Through Code Enforcement		South Lansingburgh Neighborhood Association and North	
10	2050-2944			Central Neighborhood Association	\$76,000
11	2050-2955	Economic Development Assistance Program		City of Troy (Planning)	\$100,000
12	2050-2958	Homelessness Planning		Corporation for AIDS Research, Education, & Services, Inc.	\$10,000
13	2050-2964	Engineering Program Delivery		City of Troy (Public Works)	\$25,000
		Focusing on the 22 hundred block of the Fifth Avenue		Fifth Avenue Corridor Action Committee	
14	2050-2965	Corridor as the weakest link in the chain.			\$9,280
15	2050-2966	Knickerbacker Park Improvements		Thomas A. & Helen L. Knickerbacker Memorial	\$40,000
16	2050-2967	Knickerbacker Park Tennis Facility Renovation Project		City of Troy (Parks and Recreation)	\$50,000
17	2050-2968	Destination Troy Initiative		City of Troy (Planning)	\$36,400
<u>EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT</u>					<u>\$91,224</u>
18	2051-4116	Feeding Program / Soup Kitchen		Bethany Hospitality Center	\$5,000
19	2051-4118	Security Deposit and Rent Assistance Project		Troy Rehabilitation & Improvement Program	\$5,000
20	2051-4120	TAUM Furniture Program		Troy Area United Ministries	\$10,000
21	2051-4121	Unity House Poverty Services		Unity House of Troy, Inc.	\$20,000
22	2051-4122	YWCA Women In Transition Program		Young Women's Christian Association of Troy-Cohoes	\$25,000
23	2051-4123	Domestic Violence Shelter		Unity House of Troy, Inc.	\$14,724
24	2051-4124	Family Enrichment Services		Salvation Army	\$11,500
<u>HOME</u>					<u>\$651,026</u>
		CEO Housing Rehabilitation		Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater	\$475,926
		CEO CHDO Housing Rehabilitation Project		Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater	\$110,000
		HOME administration		City of Troy (Planning)	\$65,100
AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE				City of Troy (Planning)	\$92,657